

## THANK YOU FROM DEAN OF ST. TIKHON'S SEMINARY

Dear Fr. Andrew and faithful Parishioners:

We give thanks to God always for all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers (1 Thess 1:2)

Please accept my personal thanks for your generous gift of \$721 to St Tikhon's Seminary. Our Rector, Archbishop Michael always reminds me: if a person goes to a medical school, incurring great debt, he graduates, becomes a doctor and in a few years, pays off his medical school debt. If a person goes to law school, incurring great debt; she becomes a lawyer, and in a few years, pays off her school debt. Those that go to seminary, to study to be formed for ministry in the Church, rarely have the blessing of a money tree in their front yard. It is, therefore, gifts from faithful and generous folks like you who make the financial burden of seminary lighter for those in need.

St. Tikhon's is growing every day. There is a palpable sense of joy and purpose here. Early this year, we were given a wonderful gift, allowing us to renovate a sixth on-campus married student house. One by one we are developing what we hope will eventually be a fully residential campus- where everyone can walk to church and school. These efforts also happen by the generosity of folks like YOU!

If you would ever like to talk about that sort of gift, or putting St. Tikhon's in your will, or diving deeper into the life here at St. Tikhon's, please call or email; we would be glad to discuss!

For now, as always, thank you. Thank You! And again thank you.

Yours in Christ, V. Rev. John Parker, Dean

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### ***CATASTROPHIC RELIEF FUND***

Purpose of fund: To provide some small financial assistance to a parishioner, family member or community member who has suffered a catastrophic event.

Funds will be offered at the discretion & blessing of the Rector and the discretion of the Board.

Two parishioners have given a portion of their stimulus checks to this fund. Please feel free to donate as well. Thank you and God bless!

## THANK YOU FROM OCMC

Dear Holy Assumption Orthodox Church & Parishioners,

Christ is Risen! In recent days, most of our lives have been turned upside down, and we've had to restructure everything that we do. Like many people, the OCMC staff has been working remotely, and we have worked hard to reschedule our mission teams and support our missionaries. Thanks to your incredible support of \$766 amidst these difficult times, we are able to continue providing much-needed support to our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

Our hardest-hit ministry is the Support a Mission Priest program. Many of the priests we support have been drastically affected, and while most have continued to serve the Liturgy in a closed church, many don't have the infrastructure to stream their services, and so their communities are largely cut off from them. To try and bolster our support, we decided to dedicate Giving Tuesday Now, a global day of giving to help with COVID-19, to SAMP. Many donations have already come in, and they will go a long way for SAMP!

In this time of social isolation, it is incredibly important that we stay connected with one another. To help with this, we have also started a new series of live interviews! These are being streamed on Facebook and also loaded to You Tube. We started by interviewing Josef and Effy Candelario, missionaries preparing to serve in Sweden—and we plan to record another interview roughly every 2 weeks. Tune in to hear their stories!

It has taken a lot of work and creativity to continue the mission in these trying times, but your support has made it possible. Thank you, and please keep us and our ministries in your prayers, as we also pray for all of you.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Martin Ritsi, Executive Director

## Popadia Marilyn Nedelkoff

Popadia Marilyn Nedelkoff, wife of the late [Archpriest George Nedelkoff](#) fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at the age of 94.

Born Marilyn Theodoroff in Youngstown, OH, she and her husband of 61 years were married at Holy Ghost Church there on December 18, 1949. The following year Father George was ordained to the priesthood. Popadia Marilyn selflessly assisted in Father George's ministry serving parishes in Youngstown, and Akron, OH; Pittsburgh, PA, and Saint Nicholas Church, Fort Wayne, IN, where he was the first and longest serving rector, leading the parish for 36 years until his retirement.

In addition to her tireless devotion to the Church, Popadia Marilyn was a longtime member of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization. Marilyn also worked for many years as secretary to the editor of the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel. She is predeceased by her husband, Father George, and her son, Dimiter (Danny) Nedelkoff.

May Matushka Marilyn's memory be eternal!



## THE LIGHT TURNED YELLOW

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed your 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally ... I assumed you had stolen the car." **Priceless.**

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## THANK YOU RECEIVED

Dearest Fr. Kevin & faithful of Holy Assumption,  
Christ is Risen!

Thank you for remembering my uncle Fr. George. He was married for 65 years and served the same parish for over 50 years (St. Michael's Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church in Youngstown)

His last Divine Liturgy was on TV-CBS station of Ohio.

Have a blessed Feast of the Ascension!

Fr. Emilian, St Andrew Maple Heights